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SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated February 2, 2004, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration. The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition

WE (I) the undersigned inventor(s), hereby declare(s) that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

We (I) believe that we are (I am) the original, first, and joint (sole) inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INDICATING ACTIVATION OF A SMOKE
DETECTOR ALARM**

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.

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We (I) hereby state that we (I) have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We (I) acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in Section 1.56 of Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations.

We (I) hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed. Prior Foreign Application(s)

Application No.	Country	Day/Month/Year	Priority Claimed	
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We (I) hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

And we (I) hereby appoint Steven B. Kelber, Reg. No. 30,073; Jerold I. Schneider, Reg. No. 24,765; James M. Heintz, Reg. No. 41,828; Perry E. Van Over, Reg. No. 42,197; Raymond Millien, Reg. No. 43,806; Lisa K. Norton, Reg. No. 44,977; Patrick R. Delaney, Reg. No. 45,338; Michael Ye, Reg. No. 47,195; Christopher W. Raimund, Reg. No. 47,258; and Ping Wang, Reg. No. 48,328, as our (my) attorneys, with full powers of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith; and we (I) hereby request that all correspondence regarding this application be sent to Supervisor, Patent Prosecution Services, Piper Rudnick LLP, 1200 Nineteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036-2412.

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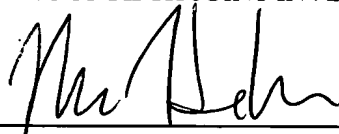
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